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Pursuant to Rules 1.4, 7, and 7.1 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission), the Energy Producers and Users Coalition (EPUC), hereby submits this notice of the following Ex Parte communication in the above-referenced proceeding.

On October 9, 2006, the following summary of EPUC's position was provided to President Peevey, via US mail. EPUC requested that the Commission "[e]stablish a state policy which obligates California electric utilities to: (1) interconnect and operate in parallel with cogeneration facilities; (2) make sales of standby (i.e., backup and maintenance power) and supplemental power at rates based on cost of service; (3) purchase all of the electric energy and capacity made available by the cogeneration facility; (4) pay just and reasonable rates that reflect the "avoided costs" for the energy and capacity purchased from cogeneration facilities; (5) execute, at the option of the cogenerator, standard

power purchase agreements with operation and maintenance provisions that

facilitate and harmonize both electrical and thermal energy production by the

cogeneration project; and (6) provide existing cogeneration with an opportunity to

continue to be a base load generation resource and encourage the development

of new base load cogeneration projects."

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Energy Producers and Users Coalition SUMMARY OF POSITION IN R.04-04-003 (Long Term QF Policy)/R.04-04-025 (QF Avoided Cost)

Establish a state policy which obligates California electric utilities to: (1) interconnect and operate in parallel with cogeneration facilities; (2) make sales of standby (i.e., backup and maintenance power) and supplemental power at rates based on cost of service; (3) purchase all of the electric energy and capacity made available by the cogeneration facility; (4) pay just and reasonable rates that reflect the "avoided costs" for the energy and capacity purchased from cogeneration facilities; (5) execute, at the option of the cogenerator, standard power purchase agreements with operation and maintenance provisions that facilitate and harmonize both electrical and thermal energy production by the cogeneration project; and (6) provide existing cogeneration with an opportunity to continue to be a base load generation resource and encourage the development of new base load cogeneration projects.